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1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BY IATF
AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICE, TO BE USED ONLY
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Q. ARE THE CREW MEMBERS ON THE REPATRIATION FLIGHTS ARMED?

A. YES.

Q. ARE THERE SPECIAL SECURITY FORCES ON THE REPATRIATION AIRCRAFT?

A. YES, A SMALL NUMBER OF U. S. AIR FORCE SECURITY POLICE WILL BE ABOARD EACH OF THESE AIRCRAFTS.

Q. WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS WILL THEY CARRY?

A. SIDE-ARMS.

Q. WHY ARE YOU TAKING THESE MEASURES?

A. THEY ARE PRUDENT, PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PROTECT THE AIRCRAFT, CREW AND PASSENGERS, TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE DISTURBANCE IN FLIGHT. A RECENT DEMONSTRATION BY A GROUP OF WOULD-BE REPATRIATES AT CAMP CHAFFEE INDICATES THAT SOME CONFUSION STILL EXISTS AS TO THE PROCESS OF REPATRIATION IN SPITE OF THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO EXPLAIN THE STATUS OF HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES AND THE NECESSITY OF AWAITING A DECISION FROM SAIGON BEFORE THE UNHCR WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE ONWARD TRANSPORTATION FROM GUAM. A DEMONSTRATION IN FLIGHT WOULD ENDANGER THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS PERSONNEL.

Q. WHAT ARE THE SECURITY POLICE'S INSTRUCTIONS IF SUCH A DEMONSTRATION BEGINS?

A. TO MAINTAIN ORDER.

2. THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE IATF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO BE USED ONLY ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS:

A. ACTING UNDER ORDERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES MARSHALS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT THE SECURITY FORCES AT THE REFUGEE SITES ON
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GUAM. THIS STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGROUPING THERE OF 2,207 WOULD-BE REPATRIATES. THE INTERVIEWING, SCREENING AND PROCESSING OF THIS GROUP OF REFUGEES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, AS ARE THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THEIR RETURN WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN VIETNAM. IN THE MEANTIME, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO PRO-

VIDE THE SAME SHELTER, FOOD, PROTECTION AND OTHER
CARE AS IS AVAILABLE TO ALL REFUGEES.

B. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ORDERED THE MARSHALS TO
GUAM TO AVOID A POSSIBLE REPETITION ON GUAM OF THE
DEMONSTRATION AND COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION AND
THREATS OF VIOLENCE AT FORT CHAFFEE AND REPORTED
WARNINGS OF SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AT CAMP PENDLETON.
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